(b) whether it is also a fact that even the shipping corporation of India is interested for purchase of new ships and repair of old ships from the foreign firms;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof;

(d) whether Government of Kerala have taken any action to realise the sales tax arrears to the tune of Rs. 2.6 crores from the Cochin Shipyard; and

(e) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) The hull shop of the Shipyard does not have adequate work at present.

(b) and (c) All efforts are made to tie-up utilisation of indigenous facilities before placing orders on foreign shipyards for acquisition of ships or repair of their vesesls Sometimes repair of ships in foreign Yards has to be carried out by SCI when their ships are on gross trading and are not likely to touch India or which require emergency repair/dry docking.

(d) and (e) The Government of Kerala have issued demand notices on Cochin Shipyard from time to time for payment of Sales Tax on ships constructed and delivered. Total outstanding claim of Sales Tax to Kerala Government, at the downward revised rate of Sales Tax is Rs. 2.79 crores. The State revenue authorities have also threatened institution by way of revenue recovery proceedings in case of default and have claimed Rs. 15 lakhs by way of penal interest. However, no concrete steps in this direction have been taken by them so far presumably on account of representation made by CSL to the State Government as also the Government of India's intervention in this regard keeping in view the shipyard's critical financial position.

Cargo support to India shipping

306. DR. LOKESH CHANDRA:
SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to give Cargo support to Indian Shipping; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the support scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) and (b) The details of cargo support to Indian Shipping Lines are as follows:—

(i) With a view to ensuring greater share of cargo for Indian vessels India has entered into bilateral Shipping Agreements which provide for parity in cargo liftings and freight earnings;

(ii) There are standing instructions to Public Sector Undertakings/ Government Departments to negotiate as far as possible, C&F exports and FOB imports. These are designed to maximise cargo availability to Indian Lines.

(iii) Share of Indian Shipping Lines in the carriage of Iron Ore exported by MMTC has been brought up through successful negotiations;

(iv) The use of foreign flag vessels in the oil trade has been brought down by arranging acquisition of suitable tankers for Indian shipping companies.

(v) With a view to encourage use Indian vessels it has been decided that (a) the freight paid shall not be debited to the face value of import licence if the ocean freight is paid in non-convertible rupees in India and the goods are carried on Indian vessels and (b) the exporters will be given

Replenishment licence on exports in question at the rate of 11 per cent if the goods are exported on Indian vessels as against the normal rate of 10 per cent.

Dealth of employee of the Centaur Hotel

307. SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY:
DR. BAPU KALDATE:

Will the Minister of TRANSPORT be pleaesd to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there was a strike in the Hotel Centaur, New Delhi recently;

(b) whether it is also a fact that one of the employees of the Hotel was crushed under the car of an official of the Hotel;

(c) if so, what are the details in this regard;

(d) what action has been taken against the official involved in this incident; and

(e) what compensation has been paid to the next of kin of the deceased?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI JAGDISH TYTLER): (a) Yes, Sir. There was a partial strike at Centaur Hotel, Delhi Airport from 20th December, 1985 to 4th January, 1986 and complete strike from 4th January, 1986 till 3rd February, 1986.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) to (e) Do not arise.

Number of beds in Government hospitals in Delhi

308. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of beds in allopathic hospitals of Delhi under the direct control of the Ministry of Health;

(d) what is the number of patients admitted in these hospitals during the last two years;

(c) what is the number of deaths that took place in these hospitals during the above years;

(d) what is the number of patients who were given free treatment during the above years; and

(e) what is the amount of money spent on the taeatment of poor patients during the said period?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) A statement is attached. [*See* Appendix CXXXVII, Annexure No. 8]

Scholarships to sportsmen

309. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state

(a) how many scholarships have been granted to promising sportsmen and outstanding players, State-wise, during the years 1984 and 1985; and

(b) how many youth hostels are proposed to be constructed during the Seventh Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS AND WOMEN'S WELFARE (SHRIMAI MARGARET ALVA): (a) A statement is attached.

(b) It is proposed to take up construction of upto 60 Youth Hostels during the 7th Five Year Plan subject to the required land being made available by the State Governments.